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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,060,000 head as of December 1, 2009. The latest inventory was up 2 percent from November 1, 2009 and up 5 percent from the 1,010,000 on feed on November 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 140,000 head of fed cattle during November 2009. This was 12 percent below October 2009 marketings of 160,000 head but 8 percent above a year ago. An estimated 165,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during November. This was 33 percent below the October 2009 placements and down 11 percent from the 185,000 head placed a year ago. Of the number placed in November, 24 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 30 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 24 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for November, at 5,000 head, was unchanged from November 2008 and October 2009.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below December 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.85 million, 8 percent below 2008. For the month of November, placements were the second lowest since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 565,000, 700-799 pounds were 395,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 375,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent above 2008. For the month of November, fed cattle marketings were the third lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during November, 1 percent below 2008.